



**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING  
FOR THE CITY OF LEESBURG  
Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 5:00 p.m.**

The Historic Preservation Meeting for the City of Leesburg held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present:

Robert Bone, Chairperson  
Guy Ross  
William Hayes  
John O'Kelley  
Julian Graham  
J. Scott Berry

City staff present included Director Bill Wiley and Planner Mike Miller.

**Approval of Minutes – August 25, 2010**

Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes for August 25, 2010. Mr. O'Kelley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously without discussion. Mr. Wiley informed staffed that there was a misspelling of Mr. Bone's name in the minutes, however, staff would correct the error and have Mr. Bone sign a formal copy of the minutes at a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**ITEM 1 – MORRISON METHODIST CHURCH – 901 W. MAGNOLIA STREET (123 S. 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET)**

Mr. Wiley provided information regarding the application and the request to demolish the building currently used by the Morrison Methodist Church. The multi-family residential home was purchased by the church to use as a park/recreation area/overflow for parking for the church. The building has deteriorated to such a poor condition that it is no longer inhabitable. Mr. Wiley provided pictures to illustrate the declining state of the building.

The church wrote a letter stating its many concerns with this property. The vacant house was used for many illegal activities like vandalism, drug use and other dangerous situations in which law enforcement had to respond to. The proposed use would help resolve these problems and also provide more green area in downtown as well as benefitting the church by providing room for their events. The demolition of the building would also help improve the appearance of the downtown area.

Mr. Bone stated that he remembered someone else coming before the board in relation to this property not too long ago. Mr. Wiley said there was another inquiry from someone else, but the proposal for land use wasn't as defined.

Mr. Wiley introduced Mr. Mathews who was there representing the church.

Mr. O'Kelley asked about another adjacent property and it was confirmed that this was the only parcel in question.

Mr. Hayes had one concern about the two large oak trees located on the property and wanted to address the possibility of keeping at least one of them. Mr. Wiley explained the tree removal process is handled differently and by no means will the decision today allow for the removal of the trees.

Mr. Bone confirmed what they were actually voting on. Mr. Wiley stated they were voting on the demolition and the reuse of the property. Mr. Graham asked about any stipulations on the property in reference to keeping it green or if they were allowed to lay pavement. Mr. Wiley stated due to the location it would probably stay green. Mr. Mathews stated they were keeping it green.

Board members discussed the history and previous uses of the building for several minutes.

Action Item 1– Mr. Hayes motioned to approve, Mr. O’Kelley seconded the motion. All approved.

## **ITEM 2 - MAIN STREET DENTISTS – 606 W. MAGNOLIA STREET**

Mr. Wiley provided information about the application and the request to review proposed changes to the exterior of the building. The changes include the removal of the existing Main Street awning due to safety concerns, review the repairs/painting of the Main Street façade and review the installation of a new canvas awning.

Mr. Ross asked about the removal of the old awning and the installation of the new awning. He was concerned with how the new awning and the neighboring business’ awning would join and how the façade would be filled in. He is the owner of the neighboring business and wanted to make sure the awnings would work together or if something else would have to be changed. Mr. Bone stated a similar situation happened with other neighboring businesses and they were able to come up with a solution.

Mr. Bone confirmed they were just voting on the removal of the awnings, the façade, and the colors of the canopy. Mr. Wiley confirmed that was correct.

Board members discussed their different ideas, concerns, and previous requests about the awning replacement for several minutes. Many questions and concerns were brought up to include how the awning was going to be secured to the building, signage, and type of façade being used.

Action Item 1– Mr. O’Kelley motioned to approve, Mr. Ross seconded the motion. All approved.

## **ITEM 3 – STAFF APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

No staff approved applications.

## **DISCUSSION**

City staff attended the certified local government workshop on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lecanto, Florida – Bill Wiley acted as a panelist.

## **OUTSTANDING HISTORICAL RECOGNITION**

Mr. Wiley asked for any suggestions from the board for placement of the outstanding historic restoration sign, currently at InfoTrac. Mr. Wiley proposed the City Hall Building be recognized. The recognition of the City Hall Building was approved and will be placed in front of the City Hall Building until next board meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING -**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2010 or be determined on an as needed basis.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

Mr. Bone motioned to adjourn at 6:02 pm, Mr. O'Kelley seconded the motion.

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Robert Bone,  
Chairperson

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Ernest Stevens,  
Administrative Assistant II